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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My Dear Flock:—

May I not have your attention while I address you in relation to the Catholic Press Sunday, observed throughout the United States to-day?

"During the last few weeks we have visited every family in St. Paul's Parish seeking subscriptions for the SUNDAY VISITOR, and intend to subscribe for non-Catholics to the monthly edition of the O. S. V. Soon we will send in a list of non-Catholic names.

Marion Council, No. 623, Knights of Columbus."

The Marion Council has set an example which should be followed by every Council of the Knights of Columbus. People never cease telling the Knights that their obligation to religion does not cease with their initiation or with the paying of their monthly dues. It is because so many Knights seem to have this very erroneous impression that many Councils lack life and energy

In these days no fraternal organization can retain the interest of its members if they are given nothing to do, particularly since the regular Council meeting has no interest for them.

During the recent political campaign it became most apparent that non-Catholics have received nearly all their information about the Catholic Church from enemy literature. Most of them never saw a Catholic paper in their lives, and possibly not one Protestant out of a hundred has a single Catholic book in his library. The writer has, in the past, had occasion frequently to converse with Protestant ministers and even to inspect their libraries. Even they usually had no book containing Catholic teaching and practice written by a Catholic, while they had many works critical of Catholic teaching and practice written by those who were not friendly to the Church.

During the campaign editors of secular newspapers of the south, as well as political speakers, wrote to Catholic sources for Catechisms and books which contained a correct statement of the Catholic position, in order that they might be able to defend the Church—of course, for political reasons. If the position of the Catholic Church relative to certain doctrinal and moral matters were supported by the flimsy reasons which the average Catholic gives when questioned, it is easy to see how the non-Catholic could not be convinced. But every point of Catholic teaching and practice is impregnable, and every Catholic layman should become as well posted as it is in his power.

Sometimes the adult Catholic, remembering how unsuccessfully he mastered the Catechism during his school days, simply takes for granted that he is not talented enough to become conversant with the arguments which sustain the Catholic position on any point. He should lay aside this inferiority complex. During his school days he had a very imperfect grasp of many things which have become clear to his more mature mind. Interest in the subject is half the mastery of the subject. There are many brilliant minds which do not understand anything about football or hockey; but the dullest minds of school pupils are thoroughly conversant with these and other sports because they have an interest in them.

Here is the advantage of Study Clubs, which could be fostered with great benefit by every Council of the Knights of Columbus or by any other Catholic society of men or women. It is true that every member will not become interested, but a great advance will be made even if only a few do some serious studying, and will, as occasion offers, let others have the advantage of the information they receive.

This Sunday is "Press Sunday;" and make up your minds, even if it be at present against your will, that you should be subscribers to a Catholic paper, and read it regularly. If you feel that one paper is sufficient, it should be OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, because this, more than any other paper in the United States, contains just such instructions as you and the members of your family should have. More than one-half the parishes of the United States receive the national edition of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, which contains only four pages, and they pay just as much for it as you are paying for eight pages. If you have the notion that the paper is not worth $1.00 the year, it is not boldness on my part to say that you have never tried to become interested in reading it. I say it is not boldness, because if more than half the pastors in the United States and their congregations feel that even one-half of the paper you receive is worth $1.00 the year, then surely both parts are. When OUR SUNDAY VISITOR is on sale at the church door simultaneously with other Catholic papers it always has the largest sale.

Start learning your Catechism all over in a practical way by following the instructions on the Children's Page. If you are not reading them, I must repeat that you certainly need to be scolded "in season and out of season," because they are being read elsewhere. Last month a little prize was offered for an essay to be written by school children and more than 5,000 were sent to the editor. He was so swamped that he could hardly give the same even a cursory reading.

You cannot expect your pastor to let up until every one of you is receiving and reads the diocesan paper. The harder it is to get your subscription, the more convinced he becomes that you are the one who needs it. Those from whom it is easy to get a subscription are usually subscribers to three or four or more Catholic papers and periodicals. They have acquired a taste for Catholic literature and patronize a number of papers. Therefore take the proper resolution.

✠ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

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Those who would like more information about the pilgrimage to Lisieux, Lourdes, and Rome, and the extension tour of Europe, should write at once to Jose h D. Tracy, Beccari Catholic Tours, Suite 1007, Times Bldg., New York, N. Y. While the Bishop will accompany the pilgrimage as chaplain he desires that requests for information and arrangements be made with Mr. Tracy.

Read carefully what is said about Press Month in the Bishop's Chat and also in the first column on page 3.

Remember that material for the Study Clubs appears in the Bishop's column on the second and third Sunday of each month.

JAMES C. ROY WINNER BREEN MEDAL CONTEST

Fort Wayne Boy, Notre Dame Oratorical Champion for Third Consecutive Year

For the third time in as many years, James C. Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Roy of 1029 Northwood Boulevard, Fort Wayne, will represent the University of Notre Dame in the Indiana State Oratorical contest. This was decided Friday night when Roy won first place in the finals of the annual Breen medal contest, the highest honor at the school.

Roy is the first man in the history of the University who has won first place in this contest for three successive years and his record is considered phenomenal. Speaking on "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," he pointed out the perils attendant upon the scrapping and scuttling of American naval equipment in any disarmament agreement.

Because of the rule that no man can receive the coveted Breen medal more than once, the man placing second this year, Charles Duffy, of Joliet, Ill., will be the recipient of the award. Its donor is the Hon. William P. Breen, LL.D., of Fort Wayne, a distinguished attorney, alumus of Notre Dame and a member of the University board of trustees, also president of the People's Trust and Savings Co., Fort Wayne.

Francis Corbett, another Fort Wayne student, was a finalist in this contest. Roy has been captain of the varsity debating team for three years and is a member of both the Scribblers' and the Wranglers', honorary scholastic organizations, and last year was associate editor of the "Dome." In representing Notre Dame for the past three years he was always placed among the first three speakers. Roy also is quite prominent in dramatics and in other forms of campus life. Both Roy and Corbett are graduates of Central Catholic High school, Fort Wayne, conducted by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Novel Clock For English Church

London.—The letters "Salve Regina" take the place of the usual numerals on a novel clock which is to be placed in the new church at Lowe House, St. Helen's, Lancs.

A golden crown indicates the twelfth hour. All the letters are in gold mosaic. The clock is the gift of a glass manufacturing firm in the district.

Another interesting feature of the church will be a carillon of 47 bells, each named after a saint, and the largest, weighing four tons, dedicated to Our Lady.

CATHOLICS VISIT FORMER SHRINE

WESTMINISTER ABBEY

INTERIOR VIEW OF WESTMINISTER ABBEY.

In the old days, when England was still of the faith, Westminster Abbey, in London, which contains the tombs of most of the country's noted dead, belonged to the Catholic Church. Thousands came to the shrine of St. Edward the Confessor in annual pilgrimages. At the time of the Reformation the Abbey was one of the hundreds of Catholic edifices taken over by the Protestants. Catholic pilgrimages, however, still continue and at St. Edward's tomb prayers are offered for the return of England to its old faith. The pictures show the exterior of the famous Abbey, and the interior with its many memorials to nation's distinguished dead.

LENTEN MISSION AT LOS ANGELES BLESSED BY POPE

Los Angeles—Praising in the highest terms the diocesan-wide Lenten mission, planned by Bishop Cantwell, His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, cabled the Apostolic Blessing in a message as follows:

"The design, truly apostolic, which Your Lordship desires to carry out everywhere in your diocese during the coming Lenten Season, seems to His Holiness singularly adapted to the great purpose you have in mind, to wit, to arouse in the hearts of your children not only a new longing for the life of the spirit but also to bring into harmony with the Gospel the public, as well as the private life of the faithful. Nor does His Holiness hesitate to say that your generous purpose,—while acceptable to the Lord, merits in a special way an encouraging word from His Vicar on Earth—to the end that all men of every class may favor your great apostolic work, and thus bring forth in the hearts of your people an increase of faith, of piety, of Christian zeal for the cause of Christ.

"In the firm confidence that greater success even than we hope may attend your efforts, the Holy Father prays upon the preachers of the Missions, prays upon the faithful scattered through the diocese, abundant grace and blessing, meanwhile he sends all as a token of his love his Apostolic Benediction.

"With sentiments of great esteem, I am

"Your Lordship's humble servant,

"Peter Cardinal Gasparri."

PROMISING LAD

Richard "Dick" Murphy, a former pupil of Assumption High School, Utica, N. Y., who recently won the national junior tennis singles, was also a member of the team championship at Baltimore, winning the doubles junior championship. William "Bill" Tilden has called young Murphy's game "exceedingly promising."

ARCHBISHOP CURLEY REVIEWS CATHOLIC AIMS IN RADIO TALK

Wish to Bring Home Knowledge of Christ to All Men Reaffirmed at Propagation of Faith Meeting.

Washington.—Speaking at a banquet attended by the spiritual directors, secretaries and promoters of the Propagation of the Faith in this city and adjacent parishes, Tuesday night, the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, explained to a large radio audience listening-in through WOL what Catholics mean by the propagation of the Faith and the responsibility of the laity in this work, and strongly indorsed the community chest in the National Capital.

"Christianity in the abstract," said His Grace, "is the Catholic Church in the concrete. We Catholics have the Faith of the Divinity of Jesus Christ. It has been given to us by Jesus Christ Himself, the Founder of Our Church, and has come down to us direct from Him Who died upon the cross to save men's souls."

The work of propagating the Faith, he continued, is a divine work, adding that "We of the Faith have the obligation to help the priests, sisters and brothers—the Church in other words—wherever they are laboring in the missions abroad or at home."

Atmosphere of Hate Noted

Saying that Catholics have been accused of trying to make everyone Catholic, His Grace said, "It is our will to bring home a knowledge of Jesus Christ to every man, woman and child in the whole wide world." To have such a will, he said, is the logical result of the sincere belief Catholics have in their Church.

Archbishop Curley called attention to the fact that even our own country offers many missionary opportunities, and that even in this country missionaries frequently labor in an atmosphere in which the Faith is hated. Accumulated proof of the existence of this atmosphere in this country was had during the last 12 months, he added.

His Grace prefaced his talk on the

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Bishop Diaz Honors His American Tutor

Garrett Park, Md.—Following a debate held here a few nights ago between teams representing the Xavier High School of New York and the Georgetown Preparatory School of this place, which he attended as an honored guest, the Rt. Rev. Pascual Diaz, exiled Bishop of Tabasco, Mexico, revealed that James B. Sullivan, one of the speakers, was the one who taught him English when he arrived in this country.

The youthful tutor was a member of the victorious Xavier High School team. He has achieved a distinguished scholastic record at the New York school, from which he will graduate in February.

MANY MOTHERS' DEATH CAUSED BY BIRTH CONTROL

Washington, D. C.—Birth control practiced in the United States plays a leading part in the maternal mortality of the country, according to a report just made of a survey conducted in 15 states by the Division of Maternity and Infant Hygiene of the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor.

The report of Dr. Francis Rothert, a graduate of St. Mary's College and Academy, Notre Dame, Ind., a member of the staff of the Children's Bureau, shows that, in 1926, for every 10,000 children born alive, 66 mothers gave up their lives. For every 152 live new-born babies there was one dead mother. In fact, the report says, more women between the age of 15 and 44 years die from causes connected with childbirth and pregnancy than from any other cause except tuberculosis.

Appalling Statistics from Michigan

To show the extent of the birth control evil, statistics of the State of Michigan on maternal mortality were studied, 359, or 44 per cent, resulted from infection. It was further revealed that in these infected cases 181 deaths, more than half, followed, not the birth of a child at the proper time, but an illegal operation. And 137 of these were deliberately performed,

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Marshall Ferdinand Foch, generalissimo of the Allied armies in the World War, and a distinguished Catholic figure, who is reported from Paris to be gravely ill following a heart attack. Marshall Foch's visit to the United States in 1921 was a triumphal tour, with cities, universities, religious bodies, patriotic societies and other groups showering honors upon him.

MEXICAN NON-COMBATANTS AGAIN ARE ORDERED TAKEN INTO CONCENTRATION CAMPS

Men, Women and Children Must Abandon Farms In Jalisco, Bringing Grain and Cattle to Military Reservations.

Mexico City.—Concentration of the civilian population of the State of Jalisco, bringing with it untold suffering for non-combatant men, women and children, has been ordered and is being carried out by the military, according to El Universal. The concentration order, which, it had been earlier reported, would apply only to certain districts where rebel activities are most pronounced, now is declared to embrace the entire State.

Appeals have been received from the sufferers, who thus are forced to abandon their farms at the planting season. Conditions in the concentration camps will, it is feared, be similar to those in the Calles regime.

El Paso.—At Encarnacion, according to Revista Catolica, published in El Paso, the following notice, signed by Col. Manuel V. Quiroz Lozada, has been posted:

"By orders from the headquarters of the first sector under the command of the 18th Division of Military Operations, this command over which I preside has decided to advise you that, beginning the 20th day of the present month, you should order all residents of the places hereinafter listed to present themselves for concentration at places where there are Federal Military garrisons."

Farms Must Be Depopulated

A list of villages, ranches, etc., is given, and the notice continues:

"In effecting this concentration every person living in any of the said places should bring with him all his belongings, that is furniture, tools, grain, cattle, and they should be advised, upon the expiration of the time fixed, the ranches, congregations and farms affected by this order should remain totally depopulated."

Mexico City.—More than 1,400 delegates are expected to attend the national convention of the Grand Revolutionary Party of Mexico to be held, March 1, at Queretaro, according to El Universal. The sessions will be held in the old theater which housed the convention of the Carranzistas who enacted the Constitution of 1917.

This will be the first national convention ever held by a political party in Mexico. The call was issued, it is announced, for the two-fold purpose of organization and nomination of a candidate for the presidency.

General Aaron Saenz, former Secretary of Foreign Relations, and Ortiz Rubio are, according to El Universal, the two men most prominently mentioned for the nomination. Both are declared to have revolutionary records acceptable to the party leaders. Until recently, Rubio was Mexican Ambassador to Brazil.

Church Loot Inquiry Planned

Charges that valuable articles have been stolen from the Catholic churches throughout the country continue to be received in increasing numbers. Steps are being taken by Attorney General Enrique Medina, to get a detailed inventory of all articles in the churches. Experts are being appointed to appraise them.

Foreign Secretary Estrada, commenting on the emigration of Mexican labor to the United States, said today that the quota under the Harris bill, now before the United States Congress, is impracticable. Instead of relieving conditions, he said, it would increase clandestine traffic across the border.

Secretary Estrada was of the opinion that there was no relief to be found in legislative action, the conditions being an economic one. Workers, he said, driven by economic distress, would continue to cross the border even though in doing so they violated the law.

RED CROSS CHAPTER DECISION UPHELD BY CATHOLIC MEMBER

Non-Sectarian Character of Organization Is Re-Affirmed In Statement of Attorney

East St. Louis, Ill.—As a result of the letter written to the St. Louis Post Dispatch questioning the non-sectarian character of the American Red Cross and making the indirect charge that Catholics are discriminated against in the local chapter of that organization, H. Grady Vien, a local attorney, Catholic and a member of the East St. Louis Chapter, has written to the Midwestern manager of that body denying that there transpired at the meeting in question anything that should give offense to anyone.

The letter signed with the name of Mrs. Edward Dollar, which appeared in the Post-Dispatch, and gave rise to Mr. Vien's letter, read as follows:

"Is the American Red Cross a non-sectarian organization?

"At a meeting of the East St. Louis Chapter of the A. R. C. at which the election of officers was to take place, the chairman, Mr. Pearson, made the statement that a Catholic must not be elected chairman, and as there was none present but Catholics with the exception of the Chairman, the election was postponed."

Non-Sectarianism Re-affirmed

This letter was brought to the attention of American Red Cross officials at Washington by the National Council of Catholic Women, with the result that Judge John Barton Payne, Chairman of the Central Committee, A. R. C., wrote a letter re-affirming the non-sectarian character of the organization and citing proof.

Mr. Vien's letter follows:

"Mr. William M. Baxter, Jr., Manager
"Midwestern Branch, American Red Cross,
"St. Louis, Missouri.
"Dear Sir:

"At the request of Mr. Gova E. Pearson, chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter, I am writing you with reference to the letter of Mrs. Edward Dollar.

"The meeting referred to was called for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business, and was attended by Mr. Pearson, chairman, Mr. Joseph M. Haider, treasurer, Miss Helen Haider, Secretary, Mrs. Dollar, Mrs. Boylan, Mr. E. C. Rigdon, Mr. Max Adelman and myself. It so happened that all of the above named, with the exception of Mr. Pearson and Mr. Adelman are Catholics, while there are a number of non-Catholics on the Board who were not present.

Two Discussed Chairmanship

"On the day previous to the meeting, Mr. Pearson called at my office and he and I discussed a prospective chairman. Mr. Pearson told me that he did not wish the office any longer, and he and I both came to the conclusion that it would not be to the best interest of the local chapter to have a Catholic as chairman because of the fact that both Mr. Haider and his daughter, our secretary and treasurer, respectively, are Catholics, and it would be rather disastrous to dispense with their services and elect others to their places.

"At the meeting, and prior to declaring the nominations open for chairman, Mr. Pearson said that he wished to make a statement and he then said substantially the following: The Red Cross is a non-sectarian organization, but we all know that some people are apt to mix religion in such an organization, and we should be rather careful in selecting our officers so that

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OPPOSED BY KLAN

William J. Donovan, Assistant to the Attorney General and the former colonel of the famous "Fighting 69th" regiment, who is spoken of prominently for a place in the cabinet of President-elect Hoover, but whose selection is being bitterly opposed by the Klan and bigoted elements.

PRIEST-STATESMEN OCCUPY MANY HIGH AND IMPORTANT POSTS IN EUROP

Some Called To Fill Important Offices In States With Non-Catholic Majorities—Reasons For the Change In Public Sentiment Towards Catholic Clergy

Vienna—The recent election of Monsignor Dr. Kaas, a member of the Reichstag, to be the president of the German Central Party directs attention to the fact that never before since the establishment of constitutional States in Central Europe have so many Catholic priests occupied such important positions in public life.

Before the World War, it was a positive rarity that a Catholic priest should be called upon to take over an important State office. Although in old Austria prelates and abbots of prominent abbeys occasionally were called upon to head sectional administrations with the title of "Provincial Captain," it was not until 1918, when Emperor Charles appointed the then professor of theology, Dr. Seipel, Minister for Social Welfare, that a Catholic priest was entrusted with the direction of a State ministry.

Priests in High Office

Today in virtually all of the Central European States distinguished Catholic clergymen occupy the most important public offices. The following are some of these:

Germany: Msgr. Dr. Ludwig Kaas, professor of canon law in the theological faculty of the University of Bonn, President of the Center Party in the German Reichstag, in succession to Dr. Marx, late Chancellor of the Reich.

Dr. Heinrich Brauns, a member of the Reichstag and Minister of Public Works of the Reich.

Baden: Dr. Joseph Schoofer, a Papal prelate, leader of the Center Party of Baden.

Bavaria: Dr. Johann Leicht, a member of the chapter of the Cathedral of Bamberg, Chairman of the Bavarian People's Party in the German Reichstag.

Austria: Msgr. Ignaz Seipel, Federal Chancellor.

Czechoslovakia: Msgr. Dr. J. Sramek, Minister for Public Health.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Hlinka, leader of the Slovak People's Party.

Hungary: The Rev. Dr. Joseph Vas, Minister for Public Welfare and Works.

Yugoslavia: Msgr. Dr. Ivan Korosec, Prime Minister.

It is a striking fact that while in all these States, the Catholics live together with people of other confessions, and in some States the non-Catholics are a large majority of the population, none of the other confessions is so strongly represented by ecclesiastics in public life, and in such important posts, as are the Catholics.

It has been suggested that in such situations as these the priestly character of the Officials may, by malicious representation, be confused with the character of citizens exercising their rights as such, and that enemies of the Church might be given the opportunity of intentionally charging to the priests responsibility for policies and acts of the States that are dictated solely by political and temporal necessity.

As a matter of fact, such situations already have arisen in Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and in Austria, and it was not without reason that the episcopate of Czechoslovakia made the acceptance of such mandates by members of the clergy dependent upon certain conditions.

Change of Public Spirit Indicated

While the justification of the foregoing objections must be established in each individual case, it is certain that the selection of numerous Catholic priests for such high posts is no casual matter, but reflects a significant change of public spirit. Old prejudices against the Catholic Church and her priests, sown by Liberalism and Protestantism, have fallen into the background. The great world-mission of the Church, the wisdom of the Popes and their work for the reconciliation of mankind are today accepted and recognized by many who so far have been strangers to the Catholic Church. This has brought to the Catholic priests a greater respect and influence in their civic communities.

Moreover, with the social contrasts conflicting with ever increasing violence, and the necessity for capital and labor coming into closer harmony and cooperation becoming more pressing, the Catholic priest, bound in no direction by temporal interests and guided in his moral actions by the unchanging principles of the Church, appears, in the judgment of the great masses, as the impartial mediator in the perilous conflicts of present times.

This is strikingly illustrated in the case of Monsignor Seipel, Austria's Federal Chancellor, who, passionately opposed as he is by his Socialist adversaries, still enjoys with the whole nation the reputation of being the most competent and all excelling statesman. What is more, even Socialists cannot imagine all the difficulties of the State being overcome without the assistance of the Catholic Monsignor.

The realization by the present generation that the world cannot recover without the divine verities of the Catholic Church has been a powerful influence for the change of the status of priests in public life.

JUBILEE OF POPE PIUS

1. A picture of Pope Pius XI as a boy attending school in Italy when he was known as Achille Ratti. 2. As the Pope appeared when he was plain Monsignor Ratti, and talked of as the probable successor to Cardinal Ferrari, of Milan. 3. A camera portrait of His Holiness as he appears today.

SUNDAY'S LITURGY

Jan. 20: The second Sunday after Epiphany

BY DOM CUTHBERT GOES, O. S. B.,
(Prepared for the N. C. W. C. News Service by the Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota.)

Today we still hear echoes of the theme of the Epiphany, for the Gospel tells us of a further revelation made by the God-man: the miracle He wrought at Cana. St. John tells us that by this His first public miracle Christ "manifested His glory;" i. e., that He revealed His divinity.

Invited to a wedding in Cana with His Virgin Mother and some disciples, He there, at the Blessed Lady's request, performed the miracle which began that long series of wonderful works with which His last years on earth were full. Those were the years when He went about "doing good," as the evangelist tells us, and laying the foundation for His new kingdom on earth, His Church, which was to be an integral part of His everlasting kingdom in heaven.

Small wonder, then, that we find the Church in jubilant mood today. Her King is setting out for conquest, to win unto Himself the souls of all men. Time and again He proved His divinity and the truth of His message by striking miracles. The one we commemorate today was not performed for that purpose, it would seem, but solely out of charity to the bridal couple and at the request of His blessed Mother. Nevertheless, He thereby gave public evidence of His power, and the incident well justifies the exultant tone of today's Introit: "Let all the earth adore Thee, and sing to Thee, O God: let it sing a psalm to Thy name, O Most High."

A petition arises quite spontaneously from these words, a petition that so powerful a Lord may give His people what they ask of Him: "Almighty and eternal God, Who rulest all things both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace in our days" (Collect).

God can grant us all we need, but He wishes us to approach Him with filial piety and ask Him. Here again the liturgy gives us clear and concise teaching about our every-day duties of prayer and work. In addition to what has been told us in the Introit and Collect, we are instructed by St. Paul how to make our prayers more efficacious. In the Epistle for today he tells us to be "in spirit fervent," "instant in prayer," "hating that which is evil and cleaving to that which is good," and "loving one another with the charity of brotherhood." With our lives thus ordered we can with confidence pray "Increase in us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the operation of Thy power." (Postcommunion).

We shall then obtain God's help, and joyfully sing out, in the words of today's Offertory: "Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name. Come and hear, all ye who fear God, and I will tell you what great things He hath done for my soul. Alleluia."

HALEY FISKE SAYS CATHOLIC FAITH WAS POLITICALLY FOUGHT

Milwaukee, Wis.—Protestant opposition to the Catholic religion defeated Gov. Alfred E. Smith in the last presidential campaign, Haley Fiske, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, declares in a letter to the editor of The Living Church, published here, which appears in the current issue.

"I have read with interest," writes Mr. Fiske, "your editorial article Religion in Politics. After reading and thinking it over, it seems to me it justifies the intrusion of religious questions with all the scandals of the late campaign. I do not agree at all with you in this.

"The contest was not between two Churches, but between two individuals. As to Mr. Hoover, he sought and accepted the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy. That settled that religious question. As regards Mr. Smith, his reply to Mr. Marshall's letter stated his position in a way that was entirely satisfactory and no fairminded man could vote against him on the ground of his religion. His failure to write a rejoinder to Mr. Marshall's answer was quite irrevelant. . . . .

"Mr. Smith was Governor of the State of New York, a position second only to the Presidency, for eight years. No charge has ever been made that he favored the Roman Church corporately or individually. The Roman Catholic Church is supposed to be, although I doubt the correctness of that view, opposed to the public school system. Mr. Smith raised the appropriation for public schools in New York from nine millions to eighty-two millions. His appointments to office showed no preference for Roman Catholics. His cabinet was predominately Protestant and Jewish. His appointments to office showed no religious preferences.

"It is to me a matter of regret that an Anglican should have chosen the beginning of a political campaign to issue a book sure to arouse and inflame the public. The fire thus started spread. Records have been kept and will be published to the extent to which religious bigotry was aroused. It defeated Mr. Smith. As a matter of fact, the Quakers and the Roman Catholics were the only people who did not enter into the political campaign. There is no evidence of general support of Mr. Smith by Roman Catholics as such—there is evidence to the contrary. It is possible that many Roman Catholics were not satisfied with his independence.

"The fact is that the campaign was carried on in such a way as necessarily to result in arousing prejudices against Catholicism. No intelligent person ever thought of a 'Pope' in the White House; that was a solgan adopted to deceive the rural community. The real opposition was in three parts—against Religious Orders, the doctrine of the Mass, and Confession. Calling nunneries 'houses of prostitution' (which was widely done) was an attack upon the Church as well as upon the Roman Catholic. The objections to Confession were equally valid against the Episcopal Church as against the Roman Catholic. The Catholic doctrine of the Mass is taught in the Episcopal Church as in the Roman Catholic.

"It is unfortunately true that we are witnessing in this twentieth century an attack upon the Catholic religion. The intellectuals are at it. Current literature is full of it. The violence of Protestants against the Catholic religion was exhibited during our campaign and at the same time in England. The real issue between the candidates was obscured by these attacks, when the sole question was as to the loyalty of the candidates to the American constitution, and whether membership in a religious body is a disqualification for candidacy, irrespective of the personal loyalty of the candidates to our Constitution and laws and system of government. Each candidate had proved his fitness for the office.

"Senator Bruce of Maryland hit the matter on the head when he said the real Vatican is in a large building in Washington run by a Protestant denomination. The Vatican in Rome was never heard from. Mr. Smith was defeated by Protestant opposition to the Catholic religion.

"Haley Fiske."

WHY THE CHURCH OPPOSES SEANCES

London.—"Human reason proves and Revelation confirms the fact of survival after death: there is no need to seek demonstration of the fact through spiritualistic seances," declares the Rev. P. Arendzen, D.D., Ph.D., noted preacher, in a contribution to the Daily News symposium on "Spiritualism on Trial."

Discussing the Church's refusal to allow Catholics to assist at seances, Dr. Arendzen says her teaching is based on these considerations:

"The present spiritualistic movement is merely the recrudescence of an ancient evil. Seeking truth from the dead, is condemned in the Bible as one of the abominations of the people of Canaan 3,000 years ago. (Deut. XVIII, ii.) The Catholic Church has fought the evil throughout her bimillennial history and will do so till the end of time. Note that 'seeking' of the truth from the dead is forbidden, receiving it when God deigns to send it is a duty."

The craving for spiritualistic manifestations, says Dr. Arendzen, often finds its root in a secret doubt of human survival. Such doubt for a Catholic is both irrational and sinful, he says. To dispel such doubts refuge should be taken in prayer and meditation. He added:

"It is objectively sinful willingly to become a medium and, therefore, to make use of the mediumship of others. A medium surrenders his or her own individuality and rationality, and in fact his or her whole being, to the supposed control of an unknown intelligent agency. This is an immoral act. It is against the sacredness and inviolability of human personality to renounce responsibility for one's own thoughts, words and acts and allow oneself to be invaded by an alien unknown influence. Man is individually responsible to God alone; he is not permitted to barter away this responsibility to satisfy his curiosity."

Dr. Arendzen continues that the accompaniments of the spiritualistic seances are often puerile, degrading, superstitious, or even obscene; that messages supposed to be received have so often proved to be lying, the danger involved in spiritistic research through the risk of loss of mental balance is so great, the total result of many thousands of these supposed communications has been so worthless and futile, that any lover of man can only warn his fellows to leave this renewal of an ancient superstition severely alone.

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